

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING BRUCE BAUGHMAN FOR HIS SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and personal pleasure that I rise today to honor Bruce Baughman for his years of leadership and service to the state of Alabama as director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

Bruce's tenure has endured devastating natural disasters across Alabama, including Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina as well as a deadly tornado that killed 10 people at Enterprise High School. In each of these circumstances, Bruce's experience and guidance proved crucial to the entire region. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the recovery in south Alabama was much better than expected, and as a result of Bruce's steady hand, AEMA's response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 received national praise.

His list of accomplishments is long enough to fill an entire volume of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Among the highlights, Bruce was the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) director of operations for response efforts at both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Bruce also served as director of FEMA's Office of National Preparedness, a department created at the request of the president and charged with planning and coordinating the agency's domestic terrorism preparedness.

Bruce has served as director of FEMA's Planning and Readiness Division, coordinating the development and implementation of FEMA policies and procedures for use during presidentially declared emergencies. Prior to joining FEMA, Bruce served on the Mississippi EMA staff. Bruce is also a veteran, having served his country as an artillery officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, seeing service in Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean.

Bruce's lifetime of service has certainly not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards including FEMA's Distinguished Service Award and four FEMA Meritorious Service Awards.

Madam Speaker, the faithful service of outstanding Americans like Bruce Baughman has contributed in an immeasurable way to the wellbeing of our state and our Nation. I would like to offer my congratulations to Bruce for his many personal and professional achievements and offer a heartfelt "thank you" for a job well done.

I know his family and many friends join with me in honoring his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts on behalf of the people of Alabama and our great Nation.

HONORING THE 16TH INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR UKRAINE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, 16 years ago on August 22, 1991, the Ukrainian parliament adopted the Act of Independence in which the parliament declared Ukraine as an independent democratic state. The Soviet rule over the region was finally over.

Today, August 24th, is celebrated as Ukrainian Independence Day.

Here in the United States, Ukrainian-Americans join together on this date to celebrate their nation's democracy. As an example to the rest of the world, Ukrainian democracy was created without bloodshed. Today the nation enjoys the freedoms of speech, religion and civil liberties and boasts one of Europe's strongest economies.

For the many generations of immigrants that have come from Ukraine to the United States, memories of communist rule and hard times during the Soviet reign are still prevalent in their minds. However, Ukrainian Independence Day is a day where freedom and democracy are celebrated. Especially in towns like Irondequoit, NY.

Irondequoit boasts a strong and vibrant Ukrainian community. Over 15,000 Ukrainian-Americans call this town their home. There are 2 Ukrainian churches and it is home to one of the largest annual Ukrainian festivals in the country.

In this light, I would like to recognize all the Ukrainian-Americans in Irondequoit as they gather to celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day.

STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE
PAMELA MINZNER

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, when Pamela Minzner became the first female chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, lawyers wanted to know what to call her. New Mexico lawyers had never used the phrase "Madam Chief Justice," so they decided to inquire if they could call her "Chief Justice Minzner." The Chief Justice's reply speaks volumes about her personality. She told the shocked lawyers, "just call me Pam."

Pamela Minzner grew up with dreams of being a secretary. She believed the job would give her all the independence a woman could expect. But after interning at the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in the 1960s, Minzner decided to study law. In 1968 she graduated from Harvard Law School as one of 22 women in a class of 500. In 1994, she became just

the second woman to serve on the New Mexico Supreme Court, and in 1999 she became the court's first female chief justice.

Minzner will always be known for her integrity. She stood strong on principle when politics threatened to poison the court. She gave freely of her advice and compassion, and public officials across New Mexico regarded her as a mentor and a friend. Assistants remember leaving her chambers late at night with the judge still working, and her husband, Dick, recalls her commitment to the law and to her work.

I served as New Mexico's Attorney General when Justice Minzner was on the Supreme Court. I remember her ability to inspire trust in the rule of law. Justice Minzner believed in the law as a force for progress and fairness. Through the respect she showed to every lawyer who entered her court, she showed New Mexico that the legal system can be fair and just to all sides. On behalf of New Mexico, I want to honor Justice Minzner for her exemplary work and life as a wife to Dick and mother to Carl and Max.

IN RECOGNITION OF GENERAL
VICTOR E. RENUART, JR.

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of United States Air Force General Victor E. Renuart, Jr. who, on March 19, 2007, assumed command of North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command both of which are located at Peterson Air Force Base in the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado.

General Renuart began his distinguished career with the United States Air Force in 1971 and completed Officer Training School in 1972. After commanding the 76th Tactical Fighter Squadron during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, General Renuart was appointed, in 1992, Director of Assignments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. He then went on to become Commander, Headquarters Support Group, Allied Air Forces Central Europe, NATO at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. He has served as Director of Plans for the NATO Combined Air Operations Center, Commander of the 52nd Fighter Wing, Commander of the 347th Fighter Wing, and in 2000 took command of Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia and the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Southwest Asia.

After serving as Director of Operations for U.S. Central Command where he supervised all joint and allied combat, as well as humanitarian and reconstruction operations for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Renuart became Vice Commander of Pacific Air Forces and Director of

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Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff. Most recently, General Renuart was the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, in which capacity he also served as the senior military liaison to the military services for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the combatant commands.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to General Renuart for his service to our Nation and I congratulate him on this most recent achievement. NORAD and NORTHCOM are vital to our national security, and I am pleased that they will be under the command of such a capable and esteemed leader as General Renuart.

CONGRATULATING T. MICHAEL
GOODRICH ON HIS INDUCTION
INTO THE ALABAMA ACADEMY
OF HONOR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor T. Michael Goodrich on the occasion of his induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Michael's years of leadership and service to the State of Alabama as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of BE&K, Inc. have added in an immeasurable way to the wellbeing of our State and Nation.

His lifetime of service has certainly not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards including the NOVA Award from the Construction Innovation Forum and the Excellence in Construction Cornerstone Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors.

Created in 1965, the Alabama Academy of Honor was created to recognize living Alabamians for their accomplishments and service that greatly benefits or reflects credit on the State of Alabama. Ten members may be elected annually by the Academy of Honor with no greater than 100 living members at a time.

Madam Speaker, the following tribute was presented to T. Michael Goodrich at his ceremony of induction into the Academy in 2007. With your permission, I would like to add this tribute to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

T. MICHAEL GOODRICH

T. Michael Goodrich is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of BE&K, Inc., providing engineering, construction, and maintenance services throughout the world. BE&K was recognized by author Robert Levering and by Fortune magazine as "One of the 100 Best Companies to Work for in America."

Thomas Michael Goodrich was born in Milan, Tennessee, and moved to Birmingham in 1948. He graduated from Indian Springs School, earned a civil engineering degree from Tulane University, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and as Alabama Chief Justice Howell Heflin's first law clerk and later his administrative assistant.

Goodrich began his career at BE&K in 1972 as legal counsel. His responsibility grew along with the company, and he became vice president and general counsel. In 1989, he was named president, in 1995, CEO, and in 2003, chairman. BE&K companies have built such

diverse projects as Fulton County Stadium, Ericsson Stadium, Discovery Cove for Sea World, NASCAR Hall of Fame, and numerous industrial and telecommunications projects. In addition to work in the United States, BE&K operates an industrial construction company in Poland and Russia and a biotech-engineering firm in Helsinki, Finland.

Goodrich has served as board member and officer with numerous industry and civic organizations, including Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama; Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Construction Industry Institute; National Building Museum; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; Lakeshore Hospital; Leadership Council, University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Alabama Health System; Eisenhower Exchange Fellow; Board of Governors of Indian Springs School; Leadership Alabama; Leadership Birmingham; South Highland Presbyterian Church; and state and national Boy Scouts of America. His awards and honors include the NOVA Award from the Construction Innovation Forum; the Excellence in Construction Cornerstone Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors; the President's Medal from UAB; and the Silver Antelope and Distinguished Eagle Scout awards from the Boys Scouts of America. He was inducted into the National Academy of Construction in 2002 and the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mike and Gillian Goodrich have four children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Michael for his many personal and professional achievements and offer a heartfelt "thank you" for a job well done. I know his wife, Gillian, his family, and many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years for the State of Alabama.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OLIVER W.
HILL, SR.

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of civil rights pioneer Oliver W. Hill of Richmond, Virginia, who passed away on August 5, 2007.

Oliver Hill will be remembered for his many achievements and contributions to the causes of equality and justice. He worked tirelessly to ensure that all people are given the same rights and opportunities under the law.

His landmark successes in the field of law, including a crucial role in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954, paved the way for the elimination of segregation in this country.

His steady leadership and unwavering dedication to principled change sets him apart as a true hero of our time. His service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to this Nation is a legacy that will continue for future generations of Americans.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Oliver Hill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on March 28, 2007, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 204, concerning H. Res. 274. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 14, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 344, concerning H. Res. 385. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On August 3, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 822, concerning H. Res. 612. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, this year, Save the Children marks its 75th year of service to children. This is certainly an achievement worth celebrating—and Save the Children did so last night at an Anniversary Benefit in New York City. Seventy-five years ago, a group of concerned business people first gathered in New York City to respond to the needs of children in Appalachia, hit hard by the Great Depression. Save the Children USA began with a hot lunch program for undernourished schoolchildren in rural Kentucky. This brought about an almost immediate rise in attendance and academic achievement, and the program became one of the models for the Federal school lunch program. Throughout its history, Save the Children has focused on transforming children's lives by providing families and communities with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty. And Save the Children continues to respond to crises resulting from conflicts or natural disasters. Save the Children's mission remains the same in war-torn Afghanistan, tsunami-stricken Indonesia and the United States' coastal area hit by Hurricane Katrina. In addition to 12 states in the U.S., Save the Children is now in more than 50 countries.

Today, when one in every six children in the U.S. are still living in poverty, and one-third of American children and adolescents are either obese or at risk of becoming obese, Save the Children remains hard at work in rural communities providing literacy, physical activity and nutrition, and early childhood support to children in need. Save the Children is working in some of the Nation's poorest communities: in Appalachia, the Southeast, the Mississippi River Delta, the Gulf Coast, the Southwest and California's Central Valley. In rural communities like these, 2.6 million children live in poverty, and many lack access to the recreational opportunities and affordable, fresh produce they need to sustain healthy lives.

Save the Children's international programs began in the 1940's with sponsorships of children caught in the crossfire of World War II. Today, Save the Children reaches the world's